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1. Every rayon in Belorussia had one or two machine tractor stations. There were two in Gorodishchenskiy Rayon, one in Molchad (N 52-19, E 25-43) and the other in Arabovshchina, located five kilometers from Gorodishche (N 53-20, E 26-1) near the highway between Baranovichi (N 53-09, E 26-02) and Novogrudok (N 53-36, E 25-50). Arabovshchina was formerly an estate, and several farm buildings and houses from the estate were still standing. A few agricultural machines belonging to the MTS at Arabovshchina could be seen on this road near Gorodishche. These machines were kept out-of-doors even in the winter. Even though some of the nearby kolkhozy preferred not to avail themselves of the MTS services, the Arabovshchina MTS still did not have an adequate supply of equipment. The kolkhozniki had no confidence in the tractors because of the frequent breakdowns which occurred. Most of the tractors were ChTZ or KhTZ caterpillar tractors. During 1952 and 1953, the MTS received new reapers and combines, and potato diggers and planters were promised for the future.
2. The MTS was paid for its work at a standard rate. It received 50 kilograms of grain for ploughing one hectare of land. Workers at the MTS were paid in money, in accordance with the amount of work they did. The amount of work a tractor driver could perform depended on the condition of the tractor, and the tractors were generally in poor condition. All workers from the MTS who were sent to perform MTS work on a kolkhoz had to be given free meals by that kolkhoz.

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